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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials

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SUBJECT: Numbering Scheme for the eTemp Tag System

As our partners and stakeholders well know, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) authorizes the issuance of both resident and non-resident temporary registrations, commonly known as Temp Tags, through the eTemp Tag System. All partners and stakeholders are hereby advised of the numbering scheme for the eTemp Tag System, as follows:

Valid non-resident temporary registrations each begin with a six-digit number, followed by a single alpha character. These range from 000001C to 999999Z.

Valid resident temporary registrations each begin with a single alpha character, followed by a six-digit number. These range from C000001 to Z999999.

In both non-resident and resident Temp Tags, the MVC will only utilize 14 specific alpha characters. These 14 alpha characters are: C, F, H, J, L, M, N, P, R, T, V, W, X, and Z.

When all the alpha character and number combinations have been used, the MVC will begin reusing the same number and letter combinations. (i.e. when resident Temp Tag number Z999999 is issued, the next resident Temp Tag number issued will be C000001.)

Also, beginning on February 11, 2017, when a second resident temporary registration is issued for the same owner and vehicle, as permitted under N.J.S.A. 39:3-4 (c), the number of the first temporary registration will no longer be reused. Instead, the next available number will be issued.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please direct them to the MVC Office of Business Government Operations at (609) 633-2194. If your question concerns a Temp Tag for which no information appears, please contact the MVC Security & Investigations Unit at (609) 984-5279 for assistance. Both of these calls can be made during normal business hours.